

American sense of fair play, and our Constitution demand it.

I would ask my colleagues who are considering supporting the “nuclear option”—those who propose to “jump off the precipice”—whether they believe that history will judge them favorably.

In so many instances throughout this esteemed body’s past, our forefathers came together and stepped back from the cliff. In each case, the actions of those statesmen preserved and strengthened the Senate, to the betterment of the health of our constitutional republic and to all of our advantage.

Our careers in the Senate will one day end—as we are only the Senate’s temporary officeholders—but the Senate itself will go on.

Will historians studying the actions taken in the spring of 2005 look upon the current Members of this Senate as

statesmen who placed the institution of the United States Senate above party and politics?

Or will historians see us as politicians bending to the will of the Executive and to political exigency?

I, for one, am comfortable with the role I will play in this upcoming historic moment.

I hope all my colleagues feel the same.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:03 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

LINA M. KHAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2017, VICE JOSEPH SIMONS.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

BILL NELSON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, VICE JAMES BRIDENSTINE.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 24, 2021:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DAVID TURK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

RACHEL LELAND LEVINE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.